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SUBJECT: SOVIETS' SECOND DEMAND FOR RETURN OF HELICOPTER

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THE USSR HAS SENT A SECOND NOTE TO THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR
IN MOSCOW, INSISTING ON THE IMMEDIATE RETURN OF THE HELICOPTER
AND THREE-MAN CREW THAT MADE AN EMERGENCY LANDING IN CHINA
TWO WEEKS AGO. MOSCOW'S LANGUAGE REMAINS CAREFUL; THERE ARE
NEITHER THREATS NOR WARNINGS. NEVERTHELESS, THE CHINESE HAVE
BEEN PUT ON NOTICE THAT THEY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY
WORSENING IN SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS.

THE SOVIETS ARE STICKING TO THEIR STORY THAT THE HELICOPTER
WAS ON A "MERCY MISSION" NEAR THE BORDER, AND ARE TRYING TO
REFUTE THE CHINESE CHARGE THAT THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS

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SOVIET TRANSGRESSIONS IN THE PAST YEAR. MOSCOW WILL CONFESS TO ONLY ONE "ACCIDENTAL ENTRY." IN FACT, THE CHINESE CHARGE IS ACCURATE.

THE CHINESE HAVE LINKED THE INCIDENT WITH PREVIOUS SOVIET SPYING AGAINST CHINA, PARTICULARLY THE EXPULSION OF FIVE SOVIET OFFICIALS IN JANUARY. THE CURRENT ANTI-SOVIET CAMPAIGN IN PEKING WILL ALSO WORK TO PROLONG THE CREW'S DETENTION IN CHINA.
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